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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Attn: Docketing Department
PO Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

RE: Docket # 2009-489-E

Dear Madam or Sir:

We are writing to protest SCE&G's proposed 9.5% rate hike.

At a time of economic struggle that has not seen its equal since the great depression of 1929, how can they justify asking for such an increase after having been approved for a 2.5% increase, annually, for the next decade after receiving a 4.4% rate hike in 2008? SCE&G already has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities as well as the publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

Our investments have tanked; my wife's salary has been frozen since July 2009 which means she has received the same rate of pay since July 2008. My hours were reduced last year, sometimes to only 2 days a week and not necessarily 8 hour days at that, and continue to be reduced in 2010 and we're the lucky ones. What about all those people who have lost jobs and are unable to find employment?

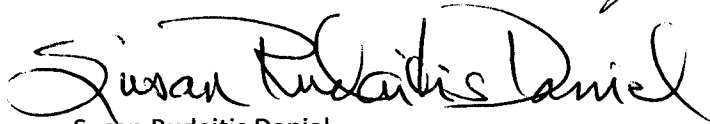
Just as the Senate hearings have asked Wall Street, we ask how much is enough? We propose that SCE&G find other means of balancing their budget the same way we and thousands of others have had to do through more judicious management of funds, by cutting back and doing without.

Thank you.

Respectfully,



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